

FOREST ORDER
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GUNNISON DISTRICT

Gothic Corridor Dispersed Camping and Motorized Vehicle Travel Restrictions

Pursuant to 16 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 551 and 36 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited within the described area on the Gunnison Ranger District of the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, Gunnison County, State of Colorado (the "Restricted Area"), as depicted on the map hereby attached and incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A. The Restricted Area is the Gothic Corridor which is defined as that area adjacent to National Forest System Road #317 from the southern gate near Mt. Crested Butte to Gunnison National Forest Boundary at Schofield Pass and from #317 to the wilderness boundary on the west and the ridgeline on the east (T12S, R87W, Section 13; T12S, R86W, Sections 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, and 34; and T13S, R86W, Sections 2, 3, 4, 11, 10, 14, and 15; Sixth Principal Meridian).

The purpose of this Order is to protect natural resources and scientific research within the Gothic Corridor from the recent increase in human activity that has resulted in resource damage and overcrowding.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Camping in the Restricted Area between June 15 and August 15 unless in the Gothic National Forest System Campground. 7 C.F.R. § 261.58(e)
2. Possessing or using a motor vehicle in the Restricted Area except for possession or use on National Forest System Roads #317, 317.3A, 317.3B, 317.3C, 317.3E, 317.3G, 569, and 956. 36 C.F.R. § 261.56

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty;
2. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 C.F.R. Part 261, Subpart A.

This Order shall remain in effect until rescinded or until May 31, 2021, whichever event occurs first.

Executed in Delta, Colorado this 31st day of May 2016.

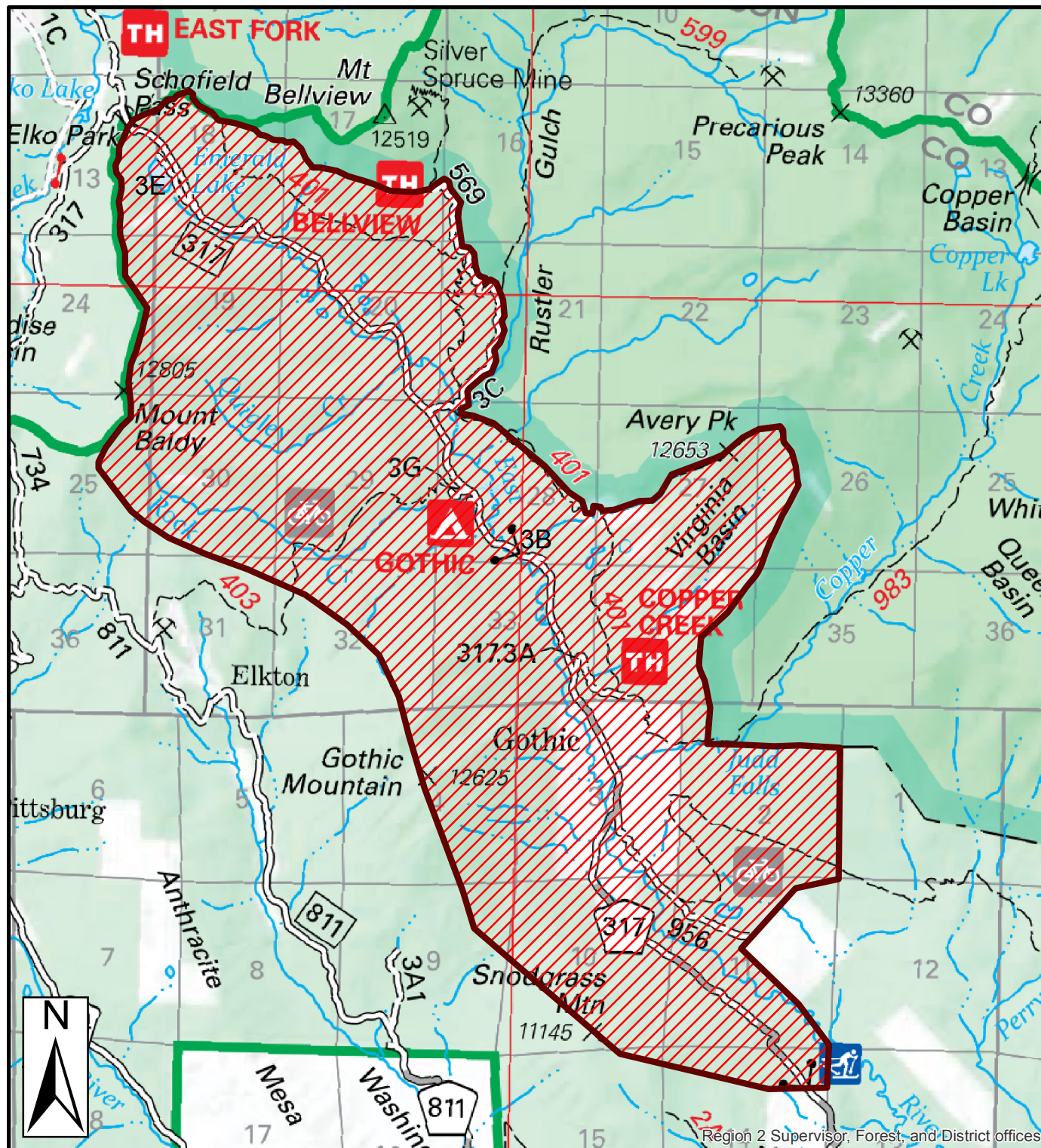


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Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559 and 3571.



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Exhibit A: GMUG-2016-02

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 Dispersed Camping (June 15 - Aug 15) and Off-Route Motorized Vehicle Travel Prohibitions

Parking along Designated Routes

Motor vehicles may be parked within one vehicle length from the edge of the road surface when it is safe to do so without causing damage to National Forest Service resources or facilities, unless prohibited by state law, a traffic sign, or an order (36 CFR 261.54).

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